

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1. (Previously presented) A messaging system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory device coupled to the processor, the memory device storing instructions for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface operable to present:

an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of associated address fields, each of the plurality of address fields operable to maintain an address for a plurality of messaging receipt options, wherein an outgoing message is formatted in a plurality of formats based upon the messaging receipt options;

a selector to initiate presentation of the address menu on the graphical user interface for user selection of multiple addresses from the plurality of address fields of the identification field; and

an address box associated with the outgoing electronic message capable of receiving multiple user-selected addresses from the plurality of address fields of the identification field for subsequent transfer of the outgoing electronic message to the user-selected addresses.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification field maintains a contact alias for a potential recipient of the outgoing electronic message.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the memory device further stores
a first address menu for a first user and a second address menu for a second user; and
an interface engine associated with the messaging system and operable to
communicatively couple a remote computer associated with the first user to the
messaging system.

4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 3 wherein the messaging system is
operable to initiate communication of internet protocol packets.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the remote computer is
communicatively coupled to the messaging system via a cable modem.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the address menu further
comprises:
a first address field associated with the identification field, the first address field for
maintaining a first address type of a contact; and
a second address field associated with the identification field, the second address field for
maintaining a second address type of the contact.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the first address type is selected from the
group consisting of an email address, a telephone number, an instant messaging address, a short
messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, a multimedia messaging
service address, and a facsimile number.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the identification field is operable to maintain a contact name, and wherein the address menu further comprises:

- a first address field associated with the identification field, the first address field for maintaining a first address of the contact name;
- a second address field associated with the identification field, the second address field for maintaining a second address of the contact name; and
- the first address selected from the group consisting of an email address, a telephone number, an instant messaging address, a short messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, a multimedia messaging service address, and a facsimile number.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising an attachment engine operable to convert a file attached to an outgoing message into a format receivable by a device associated with a messaging receipt option.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously presented) A messaging method comprising:
initiating presentation of a first user-selectable item for viewing a collection of contact information;
receiving a signal indicating a user selection of the first user-selectable item;
initiating a graphical user interface (GUI) element to present an address menu comprising contact information for at least one potential addressee, the contact information including a first selectable address of a first address type and a second selectable address of a second address type for the at least one potential addressee;
recognizing a selection of the first address and the second address; and
initiating presentation of the first address and the second address in an address box associated with an outgoing electronic message, wherein the outgoing electronic message is formatted based upon the first address type for transmission to the first address and the outgoing electronic message is formatted based upon the second address type for transmission to the second address.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving a signal indicating a request to prepare the outgoing electronic message; and
initiating presentation of a messaging graphical user interface (GUI) to present a message composition template comprising the address box and a message input box.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
modifying the address menu in response to a user input comprising addition of another potential addressee;
subsequently initiating the graphical user interface (GUI) element; and
presenting the address menu as comprising contact information for the at least one potential addressee and the another potential addressee.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
initiating presentation of a second user-selectable item associated with sending the
outgoing electronic message to the first address and the second address in the
address box.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
receiving a signal indicating a user selection of the second user-selectable item; and
initiating communication of the outgoing message to the first address and the
second address.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising attaching a file to the outgoing
message.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising converting the file into a
format receivable by a device associated with the first address.

20. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium including instructions to prepare an electronic message, the instructions when executed by a machine causing the machine to:

provide a first user-selectable button in connection with preparation of the electronic message;

initiate a graphical user interface (GUI) element to find at least one address for the electronic message in response to receiving a user selection of the first user-selectable button, the GUI element comprising an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of associated address fields, each of the plurality of address fields operable to maintain an address for a messaging receipt option;

receive a selection of multiple addresses from the plurality of address fields via the GUI element, each of the multiple addresses having a corresponding address type;

populate an address box of the electronic message with the selected multiple addresses; and

format an outgoing electronic message such that a format corresponding to each address is based upon the corresponding address type, wherein the address type of a first selected address of the multiple addresses is different than at least one other address type of the selected multiple addresses.